

PAPA-IN-LAW MAY BLESS THEM YET

Of Course He Doesn't Like This Elopement Business, but He Will Pass Judgment on Son's Bride When He Sees Her.

David Sloane, the owner of one of the most elaborate saloons in Brooklyn, at Fulton street and Marcy avenue, may forgive his son, Ralph D., for eloping with Lydia Ruth Bennett last Sunday and marrying on the quiet in Grant City, Staten Island. It all depends upon what sort of an impression the bride makes on him. The father and mother of young Mr. Sloane are not any too happy over the marriage, "but if the girl is the right sort," says David Sloane, "and her family is likewise, we will take her as a member of the family." So far the son and his wife have not dared to try the door-bell of the Sloane home, at No. 1 Alice Court.

A young man and two women arrived at Castel Hotel, Staten Island, last Sunday afternoon. There was mystery in every move, and when John by the Ste. S. H. Grunt, pastor of the First Moravian Church, of New York, arrived at the party grew awfully soon. After the four went into a private room, from which they emerged shortly before dinner time. During the time the couple had been made one and the blessing of the church had been put upon their heads. They were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Sloane.

Married Once Before.

The bride said her name was Ida Ruth Bennett and that she was twenty-seven years old. With great reluctance she admitted that she was married once before. Young Sloane is twenty-two and this is his first venture in the matrimonial game.

Mr. Sloane and his bride returned to Brooklyn Sunday night and are now living at No. 571 Sterling place. He said in an Evening World reporter today:

"I have known my wife for a little over a year. We made up our minds to get married the other day and not wanting a home wedding we slipped away and got married on the quiet. We left upon Staten Island suddenly and with a few friends went to Castel's. We found a clergyman and were told that if we were married there we would have our party consisted of just those who came over for the express purpose of the wedding. But we got feeling pretty soon and after a while were joined by nearly every one else in the place. That party got large quickly and we had a mighty good time. About 11 o'clock we came home, all happy and well."

Surprise for Father-in-Law.

Mrs. Sloane was standing at her husband's side. "There so," she added. "She is a pretty girl with light hair and a fine figure. She thought it was best not to hurry to the Sloane home at Alice Court."

Father Sloane said:

"The whole thing is a great surprise to me. My boy is old enough to know what he is doing and now he will have to support himself. I would have had no objection if he had come to me and told me he was going to get married. I can't tell just how whether or not I shall receive them or not. When they do return I'll investigate and if the girl is all right and her family, too, I will accept them as members of our home."

Poetic Freak Blows Into Democratic Headquarters

Dealer in Couplets Tries to Dispose of a Few Lines on Eggs, but Meets Up with a Frost.

One of the greatest freaks that has ever been turned loose from an asylum blew into the Democratic State Headquarters. The person, who did not look the part, announced that he was a dealer in couplets. "We don't want any," said Mr. Spinnery, who years ago was an authority on poetry. "We can write it here, but we can't get it published. Clark writes poetry, so does Mr. Willard. Mr. Mason, Mr. Bryan, and even Senator McClellan and Chairman Meyer have fallen into blank verse at times."

"But this stuff of mine is good," said the dealer in couplets. "Could I sell you a few of these?" and the fellow read:

"Passe Mr. Governor, don't hit me again."

"These are the only ones I have left," said the dealer in couplets. "Don't cut me in half and call me a poet. Don't cause my poor old mother's heart to bleed."

"Grand!" said Spinnery. "Next to 'Blessed' go on," and the poet recited:

"Shoot, if you must, this old gray head, But spare the pauper's egg," said the dealer in couplets. "The Governor has given a scornful laugh."

And out the pauper's egg in half. "These are the only ones I have left," said the dealer in couplets. "Don't cut me in half and call me a poet. Don't cause my poor old mother's heart to bleed."

"Colonel, how did you do when you were down through Kentucky on your trip?" inquired one spectator of another who met in the Speakers' Bureau at Republican National Headquarters.

"Not so well. The audience through the mountain towns were small though appreciative," was the reply.

"Don't draw well?" asked the other. "Well, you see, it was this way," continued the Colonel. "I went through that district four years ago and had big crowds, and the committee was anxious for me to do the thing again. This year, when I saw I wasn't getting them, I asked what the trouble was, and one fellow says:

"When you were here the first time they hadn't been nothing but a circuit rider and a band of gypsies telling fortunes through here in the year, and the crowds just dropped, thinking maybe you'd make 'em laugh. Since you was here there was a circus through twice, and a doctor with two Indians, and the folks is just been so eternally saturated with amusement that they just stayed home. But in a few years they would turn out again, providing, of course, there ain't been anything along to get 'em going before you got around."

"That was the reason of it," said the speaker. "I was a bit late."

James B. Reynolds, who was secretary to Mayor Low and later head of the License Bureau, is again in politics. Mr. Reynolds has joined the Amen Corner, and there was a decided shock when the University Settlement worker

entered the hotel and, greeting the politicians with whom he is acquainted, threw himself into a cushioned seat and was accorded all the privileges of the gathering.

Mr. Reynolds did not set forth the nature of his politics this year, and no one asked him. It was stated by persons that he had been about the headquarters of various candidates on both tickets who are personal friends, and that he was particularly interested in the race of Herbert Parsons for Congress in the Thirtieth District.

It is generally believed among Mr. Parsons's friends that he has a cinch on election. The district is at present represented by Francis Burton Harrison, the Democratic candidate for Lieutenant-Governor. In case Mr. Harrison is elected he will be Lieutenant-Governor and also a member of the House of Representatives. It is a question what will be the proper thing for him to do after Jan. 1, as his term as a Congressman will not expire until March 4. If he resigns, which he probably will, the district will be unrepresented in Congress in case there should be a session unless a special election is called to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

Some queer things drift into the national headquarters of both parties. The other day an aged negro carrying a chair covered with colored ribbons got into the elevator that led to the National Republican headquarters.

"What's that?" "What is it at a cake walk?" inquired one one.

"Never mind what that is," said the colored citizen.

He insisted upon seeing Chairman Cortelyou when he landed at the Republican headquarters floor.

"Yes, yes," exclaimed Cortelyou, who was in a rush; "what is it?"

"Heh! It is," said the darky, pointing to the chair.

"What is it?" demanded the chairman. "I done wrote to you, but I guess you all didn't get my letter," declared the colored man.

"What is it?" "What is it?" again demanded Cortelyou impatiently.

The chair, the negro then explained, was one that Roosevelt had sat in while in Philadelphia at the Republican National Convention and the man had preserved it.

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